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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on May 1, 2006 totaled 245,000 head, up 2 percent from the May 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand April 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 31,000 head, down 8,000 head from April 2005 placements. Marketings during April totaled 34,000 head, down 3,000 from April 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

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